

Remarks / Arguments

Claims 1 - 7 are pending.

Claim 1 has been amended to include: “said connector means including a plurality of connectors spaced from a center of said lower pulley half and projecting through an opening formed in said upper pulley half”.

Support for this amendment can be found at Figures 1 and 2, wherein the connector means (including piers 35 and rods 36) are clearly shown to be spaced from the center of the lower pulley half 23b and projecting through an opening formed in the upper pulley half 23a. Also, note column 5, lines 30 – 35 “To provide pulley separation ... the lower pulley half 23, as shown in FIG. 2, includes three piers 35 that are each secured to a hub area, at equal spaced intervals and equal radial distances from the lower pulley half center, and extend through arcuate openings 30 that are formed through the upper pulley half 23a hub area. The piers 35 each include a rod 36 extending axially from the top surface...” Also, note column 6, lines 7 – 22: “To provide for actuator cover plate and lower pulley half movement, the present invention ... include the radial equally spaced parallel piers 35 that are each secured to extend upwardly from the hub area of the lower pulley half 23b, and pass through arcuate holes 30 formed in the upper pulley half 23a.”

Claim 1 has been amended to include: “and” between the words “cam following means” and “roller bearing means.” Support for this amendment is found throughout the specification, as both “cam following means” and “roller bearing means” are separately disclosed therein, while no “cam following means roller bearing means” is disclosed.

Applicant submits the “Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct “Errors” Statement”, PTO/sb/51S.

Pursuant to MPEP 1414.01(I), there is **no need to state an error** which is relied upon to support the reissue application in the attached supplemental reissue declaration because: (A) An error to support the reissue has been previously and properly stated in a reissue oath / declaration in the application; and (B) that error is still being corrected in the reissue application.

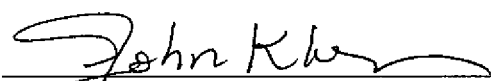
Request for Reconsideration and Allowance

Based upon the above Amendments and Remarks, claims 1-7 are believed to be in proper form for allowance, and patentable over the prior art made of record. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of those claims and a prompt Notice of Allowance thereon.

Please direct any questions or comments regarding this application to John F. Klos at (612) 977-8223.

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